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SUBJECT: UNIDO: CANDIDACY FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POST

REF: A) USUN 1925 (NOTAL) B) ISLAMABAD 5015 (NOTAL),

C) USUN 950 (NOTAL), D) USUN 1097 (NOTAL)

1. DURING 8TH SESSION UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(IDB VIII) IN MAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ABDEL-RAHMAN CON-
FIRMED TO U.S. DELEGATION HIS INTENTION LEAVE POST
AT EXPIRATION OF HIS PRESENT TERM, DECEMBER 31, 1974.

2. IN OUR VIEW UNIDO, YOUNG ORGANIZATION IN UN DEVELOPMENT
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SYSTEM,NOW ENTERING MOST CRUCIAL PERIOD OF ITS EXISTENCE

PREPARATORY TO ITS SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR LIMA PERU MARCH 1975 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG-RANGE STRATEGY ADOPTED BY IDB VIII. GIVEN PAST RECORD IT NOW CRUCIAL THAT STRONG AND COMPETENT LEADERSHIP BE PROVIDED.

3. AT PRESENT, LEADING CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED ABDEL-RAHMAN IS PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, JORGE PABLO FERNANDINI, WHO APPEARS HAVE SOLID BACKING OF LATIN AMERICANS. HIS PERFORMANCE AS PRESIDENT IDB VIII HAS REINFORCED OUR BELIEF HE IS UNQUALIFIED FOR POST. MANIFEST WAS HIS CLEAR INABILITY TO GIVE DIRECTION TO DEBATE OR PULL DISCUSSION TOGETHER WHEN NEED WAS OBVIOUS. ALSO, WE REMAIN CONVINCED FERNANDINI LACKS ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY AND BROAD KNOWLEDGE

OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES INDISPENSABLE TO PROPER EXERCISE THIS OFFICE.

4. ALGERIAN OBSERVER DELEGATE TO IDB VIII, AMIN KHERBI, INFORMED U.S. DELEGATION THAT ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN MANDATED BY AFRICANS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATE AND THAT THEY NOW CONSIDERING SOME PROSPECTIVE NOMINEES WITH REQUISITE INDUSTRIAL BACKGROUND. WE WOULD BE PREPARED CONSIDER BACKING ALGERIAN CANDIDATE IF IN OUR VIEW HE HAD PROPER QUALIFICATIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: USINT ALGIERS, IF IT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTIONS, IS REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE SOUNDINGS IN APPROPRIATE MANNER OF GOA PLANS TO CHOOSE CANDIDATE FOR POST OF UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. MISSION COMMENTS ON PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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